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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, lines 8-24 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figures 9 and 10, a conventional stool 101 is disclosed for a chair 102 for use in an office. The chair 102 includes a base 122 put on the ground, a post 121 installed on the base 122 and a seat 123 installed on the post 121. The stool 101 defines an aperture 111 for receiving the post 121 so that the stool 101 can be put around the post 121 and on the base 122. The base 122 includes five legs each including an inclined upper face. The stool 101 includes a horizontal lower face. To put the stool 101 on the base 122 well, a block 113 is formed on the lower face of the stool 101 and put on the upper face of one of the legs of the base 122. The stool 101 includes a plurality of bosses 112 for massaging the feet of a user sitting in the chair 102. Several problems are, however, encountered in using the stool 101. Firstly, the stool 101 cannot suit users of different sizes for it can be put in only one vertical position and only a horizontal position relative to the post 121. Secondly, it might be difficult for the user to put his or her feet on the stool 101, because it tends to rotate on the post 121. Thirdly, the user feels uncomfortable putting his or her feet on the stool 101 ~~[[for]]~~ by bending his or her legs.

Page 1, line 26 through page 2, line 1 have been amended as follows:

The present invention is therefore intended to obviate or at least alleviate the problems encountered in the prior art.

Page 2, lines 19-21 have been amended as follows:

Other ~~objects~~ objectives, advantages and novel features of the present invention will become more apparent from the following detailed description in conjunction with the attached drawings.

Page 3, lines 6 and 7 have been amended as follows:

Figure 3 is an enlarged, cross-sectional view of a clamp of the stool apparatus ~~shown in Figure 4.~~

Page 3, line 11 has been amended as follows:

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Figure 5 is a ~~cross-sectional~~ side view, partially in cross-section, of the stool apparatus of Figure 1.

Page 3, line 16 has been amended as follows:

Figure 7 shows a user using the stool apparatus shown in Figure ~~[[4]]~~ 6.

Page 3, lines 18 and 19 have been amended as follows:

Figure 8 is an enlarged, partial, cross-sectional view of the stool apparatus shown in the circle of Figure ~~[[2]]~~ 7.

Page 3, lines 21 and 22 have been amended as follows:

Figure 9 is a partial perspective view of a chair equipped with a conventional stool apparatus ~~shown in Figure 1~~.

Page 3, line 24 has been amended as follows:

Figure 10 is a partial side view of the chair shown in Figure ~~[[1]]~~ 9.

Page 4, lines 2-7 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figure 1, a chair 1 is equipped with a stool apparatus 20 according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention. The chair 1 includes a base 4 put on the ground or floor, a post 2 installed on the base 4 and a seat 3 installed on the post 2. The base 4 includes five legs each equipped with a caster 5. The stool apparatus 20 is attached to the post 2 by ~~means of~~ a clamping device 10.

Page 4, lines 9-18 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figures 2-4, the clamping device 10 includes a first jaw 11, a second jaw 12 and two quick release elements 13. An end of the first jaw 11 is hinged with an end of the second jaw 12. An opposite end of the first jaw 11 defines two cutouts 112. An opposite end of the second jaw 12 defines two holes 122. The first jaw 11 includes a curved face 111 for receiving the post 2. The second jaw 12 includes a curved face 121 for receiving the post 2. Typically, each quick release element 13 includes a screw 131 and a lever/cam 132 hinged with

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the screw 131. Each screw 131 is inserted into engagement with a nut 133 through related one of the cutouts 112 and related one of the holes 122.

Page 4, line 24 through page 5, line 2 have been amended as follows:

The telescopic device ~~consisting of~~ includes a first tube 21, a second tube 22 inserted in the first tube 21 and a third tube 23 inserted in the second tube 22. The first tube 21 includes a rear end secured to the second jaw 12 via adhesion, welding or any appropriate means. The third tube 23 includes a front end including a plug 231 defining a screw hole 232.

Page 5, lines 14 and 15 have been amended as follows:

A screw 27 is driven into the screw hole 232 through the aperture 256 so as to attach the carriage 25 to the telescopic device.

Page 5, line 23 through page 6, line 1 have been amended as follows:

The stool 26 can be moved relative to the post 2 between a first horizontal position shown in Figure 5 and a second horizontal position shown in Figure 6. Thus, the stool apparatus 20 can suit users of different sizes, specifically legs of different lengths. Although not shown, the stool apparatus 20 can be put in various vertical positions on the post 2.

Page 6, lines 3-5 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figure 7, a user can put his or her feet on the stool 26. The stool 26 is in a tilted position. The stool 26 is kept in the tilted position by ~~means of~~ a retaining device to be described referring to Figure 8.

Page 6, lines 7-12 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figure 8, the retaining device includes a concave face 262 formed between the ears of lug 261. A hole 266 is defined in the concave face 262. A spring 264 and a detent 263 are put in the hole 266. A plurality of holes 255 ~~[[is]]~~ are defined in the lug 251. ~~Selective one~~ One of the holes 255 receives the detent 263 so as to retain the stool 26 in selective one of several positions relative to the carriage 25.